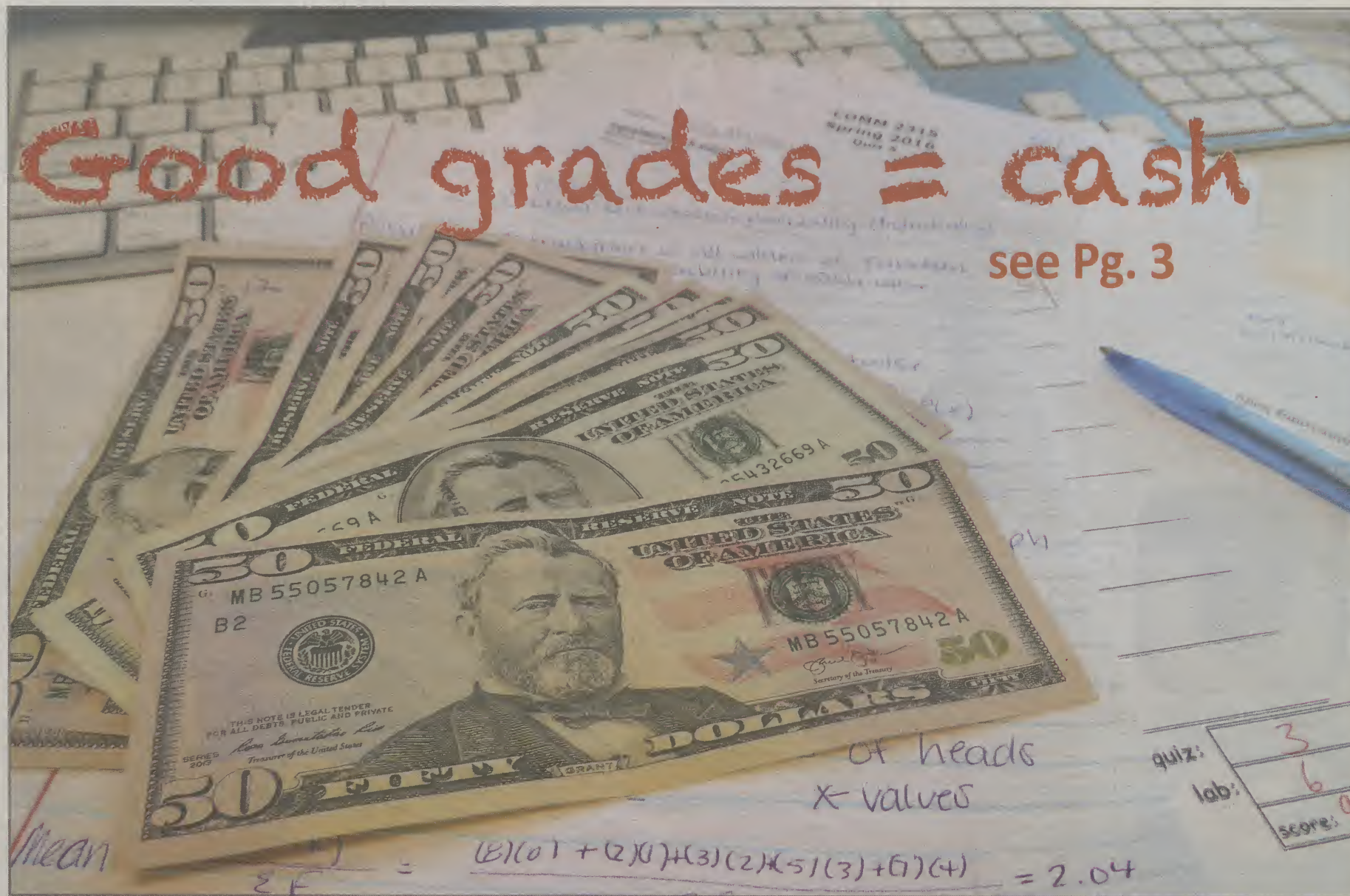


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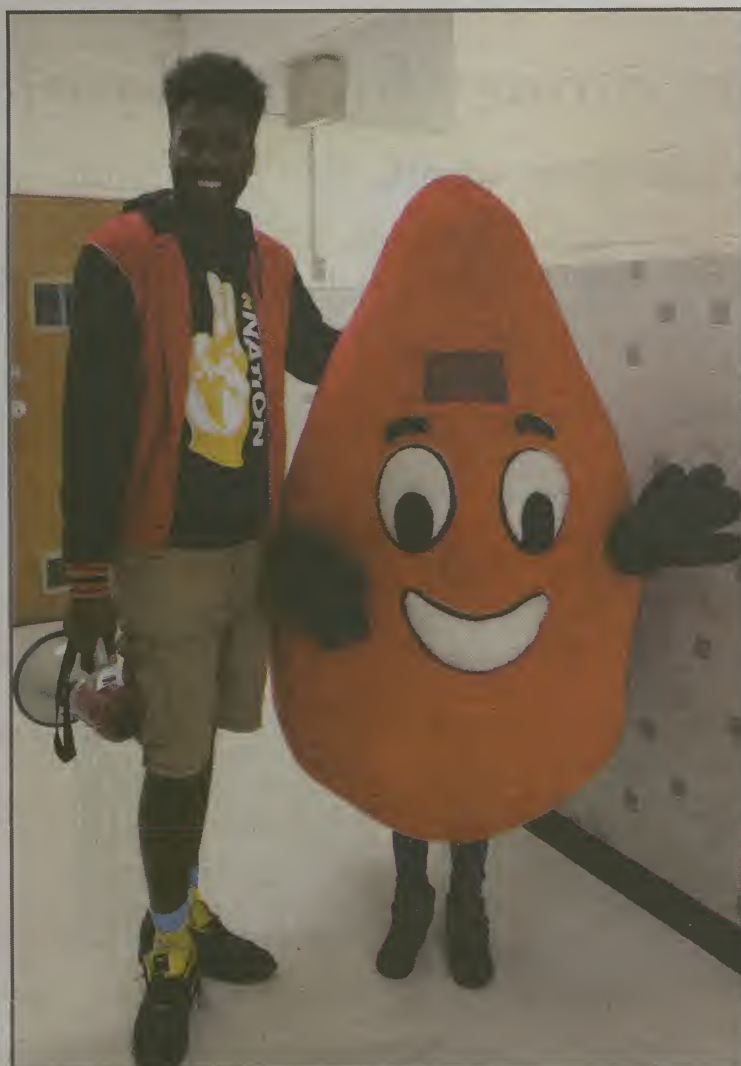


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SAVING HUNDREDS OF LIVES AND STILL HAVING A GOOD TIME

Apache chief Anthony Green poses with a drop of blood as students work toward bringing students to donate blood for the 50 gallon challenge.

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With the help of 402 donors on campus, TJC donated a total of 50.25 gallons for the 50 gallon challenge. This amount is equal to saving 1,200 lives. The Center for Student Life stated that the winner for referrals will be announced soon.

SEVERAL MEMBERS OF SPEECH AND DEBATE TEAM QUALIFIED FOR NATIONALS

The speech and debate team qualified four students for nationals over spring break. On the first weekend of Spring Break, March 5th, a team of four students traveled to Bethel, Kansas for the AFA District 3 Qualifying Tournament. The four qualifiers are Skyler Walker, Clay Wood, Omari Hawkins and Jacob Savage. The last weekend of Spring Break, March 11 - 13, TJC hosted the Phi Rho Pi Region VI Tournament here. TJC won 1st in Debate Sweepstakes, 2nd in Individual Events Sweepstakes and 1st in Overall Sweepstakes.

APACHE BELLES SELLING TICKETS FOR THEIR "FIRSTS AND LASTS" SPRING SHOW

Tickets for the Apache Belles' spring show, "Firsts and Lasts" are now available. The show times are Thursday, March 31 - 7:30 p.m. (\$8), Friday, April 1 - 7:30 p.m. (\$13), Saturday, April 2 - 2 p.m. matinee (\$8), and Saturday, April 2 - 7:30 p.m. (\$13). Tickets are available online at Tjc.edu/events

A HANDFUL OF HONORS STUDENTS ARE TRAVELING TO SFA TO PRESENT AT CONFERENCE

Honors students are working on their capstone projects -- a project designed to allow students to learn and write a successful thesis paper, and a handful of those papers will be taken to SFA for the undergraduate research conference.

APRIL KICKS OFF MONTH LONG ART FESTIVAL

The festival will kick off on April 1 with the Chance Dunlap Exhibit in Wise Auditorium and student musical recital at 1 p.m. in Jean Browne Theatre. There are more events that will follow through the month. For more information about the events go to tjc.edu/events.

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Good grades means more money for residential students

2.0 GPAs and higher equals extra cash or credit for Residential Life & Housing fall dorm charges

By Julia Contarelli
Student Life Editor

Hard work really does pay off. Residential Life & Housing is paying students for better grades.

"So what can we do for our students who are really doing well with their grades?" said Director of Auxiliary Services Diana Karol, "and I thought, well, money. Money speaks. Everybody can use a little extra cash."

Residential Life & Housing is kicking off a new trial program. Students GPAs are multiplied by 100 and the overall total number is credit against their fall housing charges, up to \$400

The program works with students who lived in the dorms for two semesters and have a 2.0 GPA or higher. Housing will multiply the GPA by 100 and add the total value against fall housing charges. This program is for returning students who currently live in the dorms.

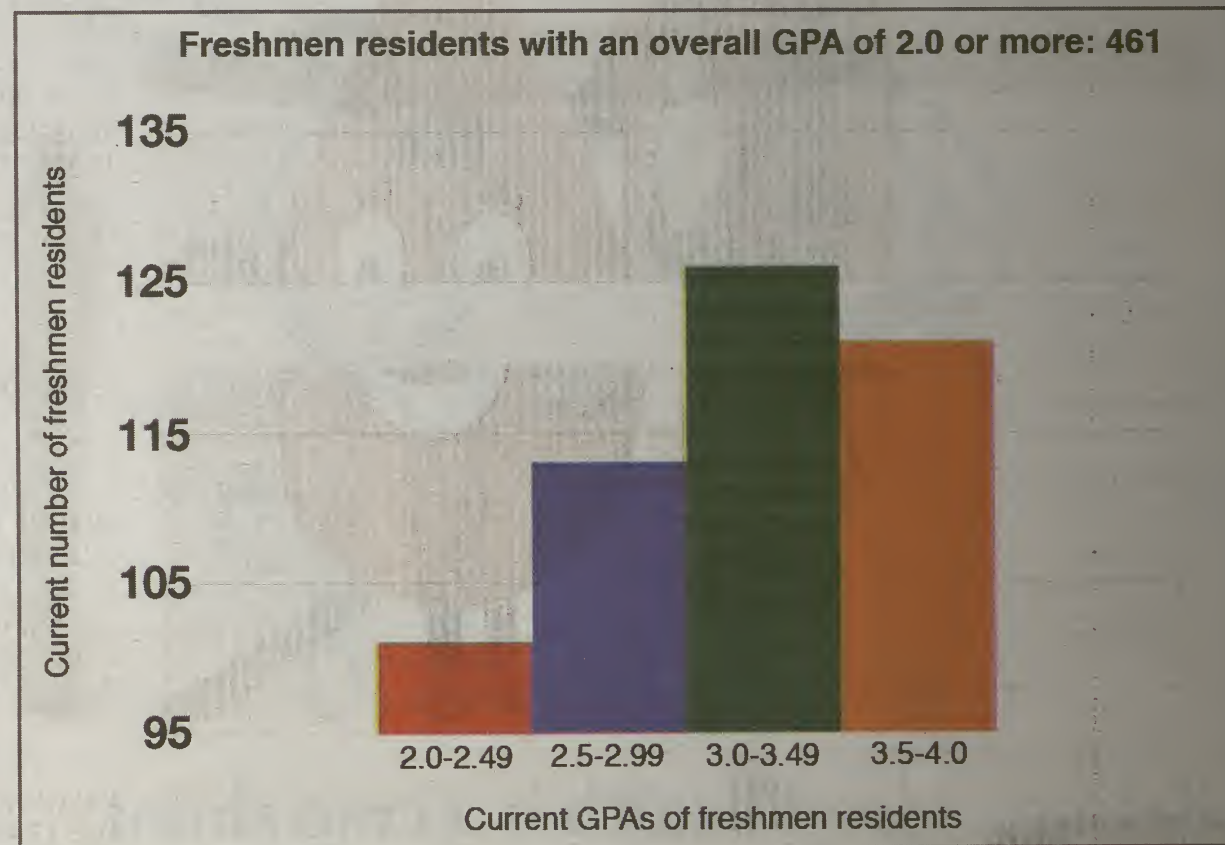
"So if you have a 4.0 and you multiply by 100, you get \$400. If you have a 3.18, you get \$318. If you have a 2.0, you get \$200."

-Diana Karol
Director of Auxiliary Services

"So, if you have a 4.0 and you multiple by 100, you get \$400. If you have a 3.18, you get \$318. If you have a 2.0, you get \$200," said Karol.

For the students who have already paid, each individual will be discussed separately.

Students who already paid, such as R.A's and those who earned scholarships, can discuss directly with Housing where this credit will be applied. Housing is not writing checks to students. In these cases, Karol will discuss another



Graphic by Marshall Cearfoss

FRESHMAN RESIDENTS CAN GET MONEY TO GO TOWARD NEXT YEARS HOUSING CREDITS Residential Life and Housing is now offering a new program

way to apply their credit such as Apache Bux or tuition.

"We want our students to succeed," said Karol, "it dawned on me that in business if you achieve a goal -- a sales goal, or a contract goal or anything out in the corporate world -- you get a bonus. You get something."

The program is designed to encourage students to

make better grades.

"We are showing our support that we are not only interested in housing students, but we are also interested in housing students doing well in college," said Assistant Director of Residential Life & Housing, Aukse Harris, "you get paid to get good grades. This was a brilliant idea."

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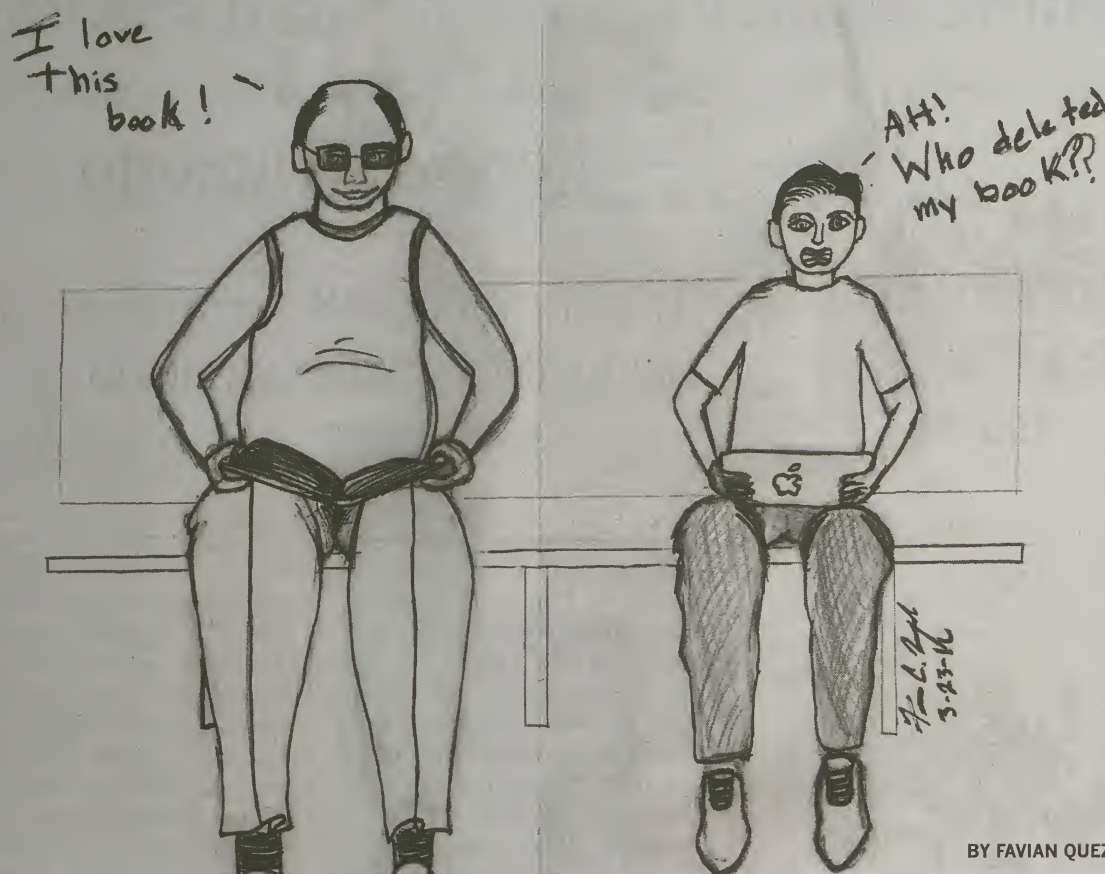
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BY FAVIAN QUEZADA

Being in good health is a crap shoot

Column

This is the new age in America. More and more people are becoming health conscious ... or so it would seem. But the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases stated that 2 out of every 3 adults in 2010 was considered overweight or obese.

"Diet" labels have been on so many things for so long, but what does that really mean? To diet is to restrict oneself, either for weight loss or for medical reasons. The simple equation is that if a person burns more calories than are taken in, weight loss is achieved. Less calories means less burn needed. So a person can drink an entire twelve pack of diet cokes and that would be less of a health risk than any other type of soda, right?

Many products that are labeled as "diet" contain alternative sweeteners which usually contain the chemical additive Aspartame. This has been known to cause dizziness, vomiting and headaches. It has also been linked to possible tumor growth. Plus, there's the craving increase for sugar that diet drinks can bring. The body gets that sensation when a person drinks a soda like "Yippee, sugar is coming," then the sad disappointment that it's not sugar causes a chemical reaction which creates a craving for more sugar. Even with the advent of other, safer alternative sweeteners, there is the possibility that something will slip through the FDA's cracks.

There are always commercials for drugs or other products

that have a recall and, in some cases, pending class action law suits. There's just no way to be sure.

Health doesn't just mean a low BMI (Body Mass Index). The BMI is a calculation based on current height and weight to see if a person is overweight. With an online calculator, which can be found on the website for the National Institute of Health, a person can figure out their ideal weight, thereby creating a goal to reach in "getting healthier".



Carl Speaks
Copy Editor

Losing weight isn't the only part of being healthy. While it's true that being overweight can lead to diabetes, osteoarthritis, and other long-term conditions, it is not the only concern.

There are Fresh markets popping up all across America. People are crazy for organic foods and worried about what kind of monsters are being created with genetically modified produce. The human race is using germicides in between hand washings, like Purell or GermX. A recent news report on the John Tesh radio program said that things like washing dishes too well, as with certain types of dishwashers, can

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Digital media doesn't create memories

Editorial

The digital world is taking over and makes many things from the past seem obsolete, such as photo albums, CDs and newspapers. These things are still commonly found in homes, but with everything being digital, do we still need them?

Yes, we absolutely need them. As convenient as having your library, photo album and music collection all in a portable device that also calls people can be, it shouldn't be the only way you keep those things. The crazy part is keeping everything digital you never actually own it. All of those things are one virus away from being completely deleted and gone forever.

Photo albums are timeless and have been around forever. The cave paintings from thousands of years ago serve the same purpose as printed pictures do today. They tell a story and capture a piece of who we are as a species and individuals. Nothing can replace the feeling of physically holding your grandma's old photo album as she flips through and points out your parents and uncles while giving you a little background on that day.

Digital music has the same problem. In most cases, Apple music for sure, you don't really own it. If you die you can't leave your music library to someone. Apple takes it back because you were really just renting it. It's not something you ever own or hold. Digital files have forever changed the music industry, but it just can't replace physical having a CD, tape or record. We lose the album art and the joy of finding an unexpected song on the album when it plays through the first time in the car.

Physical copies of things will never go away. People have been saying for years now that newspapers are dying. Are they declining? That is undeniable, but they won't go away. There is something to be said for finding a paper from 20 years ago and reading about how a building in your hometown was being built or the doors are opening for the first time, or flipping through your baby book and reading your birth announcement. Newspapers are a physical copy of our history that can't be lost due to random viruses or just stripped away from us unknowingly. The battery doesn't die while you are reading and those stories written don't fade with time like the memory does.

Sometimes having a physical copy of something is a little more bulky and slightly more expensive, but in twenty years are you still going to have a stack of photos that were printed or all the pictures on your phone?

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The library needs a computer set aside strictly for students to print

Dear Editor,

As a TJC student, I use the library rather often. Usually just to print, a process that should only take 2 to 3 minutes. However, the simple act of printing a paper can take upwards to half an hour at the TJC library. This is mostly because there simply aren't enough computers, but to add more computers to the library wouldn't help the situation. What needs to be is have one or two computers that are designated only for printing. That way students could print

their files, and others could do their research without annoying the guys that need a machine for 3 minutes. I have no problem with the computers being used at the library for research or work. I just have a problem with the lack of order on what they are being used for. This is all just one student's opinion, and I might not have all the information I need to make an argument. It is just an idea that I have pondered.

-Jacob M. Dannenberg



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Counterfeit money found at campus Chick-Fil-A

By Irene Campos
News Editor

The use of counterfeit money has been a problem for decades, practically since the advent of banks.

This problem has presented itself here in Tyler when a Chick-Fil-A on 1250 Magnolia St. reported the use of counterfeit money.

Cynthia Crouch, working at the Chick-Fil-A, reported at 12:35 p.m. on March 3 that two counterfeit twenty-dollar bills passed through the establishment. While she turned one bill over to Sargent Hukill who has tagged and placed the money in evidence, Crouch has yet to locate the other bill.

Another employee, Krystal Lacy, also reported the use of a counterfeit twenty-dollar bill on the same day at 4:10 P.M. The only suspect is Jeremy/Jason Unk, who also goes by the alias "Taco".

The difference between real and most fake bills is rather easy to differentiate. Real money is made out what's known as rag paper -- a combination of linen and cotton fibers. Counterfeit, or fake money, is usually made when a person scans whatever bill they desire onto their computer and then reprints it.

The bill that is most counterfeited in the United States is the twenty-dollar bill.

"However," says Marshall Brain, founder of HowStuffWorks, "your stint as a counterfeiter wouldn't be very successful. The twenty-dollar bill that's been in circulation in the United States since late 2003 is one of the high-tech, counterfeit-proof bills from the U.S. Treasury. If you zoom in on different areas of the bill and look at them closely, you can see a number of features designed to deter 'casual counterfeiting.'"

Certain steps can be taken when a bill is suspected to be counterfeit.

- Do not return it to the passer.
 - Delay the passer if possible.
 - Observe passer's description, as well as any companions, and the license number of the vehicle if possible.
 - Call local police or the U.S. Secret Service.
 - The person accepting the bill should initial and date the suspected bill.
 - Do not handle the bill, place it in an envelope.
 - Hand over the bill ONLY to an identified police officer or U.S. Secret Service agent.
- The investigation at Tyler's Chick-Fil-A is ongoing.

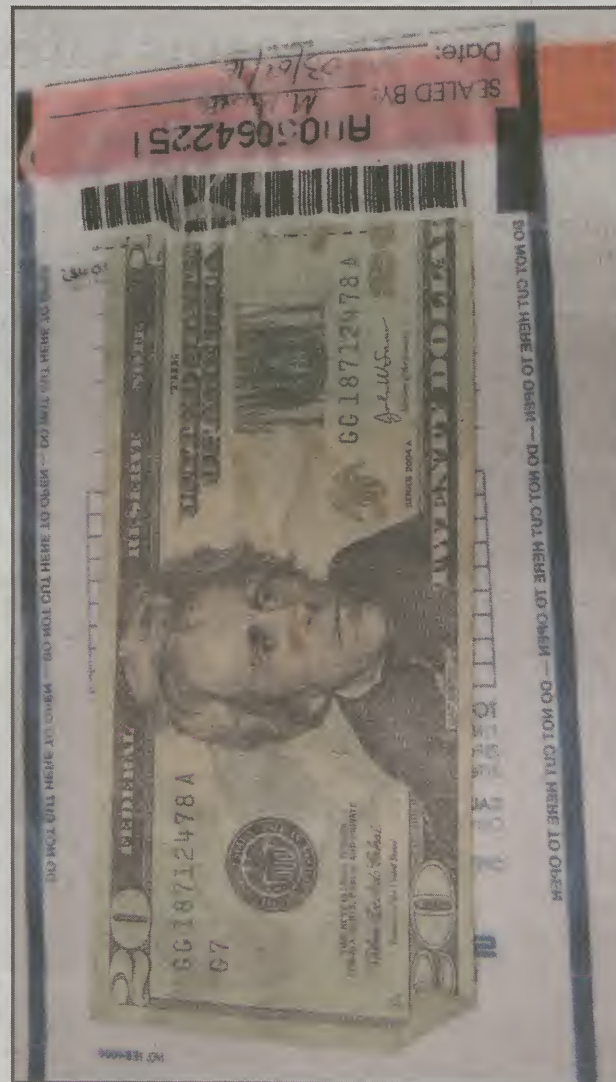


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COUNTERFEIT 20 DOLLAR BILL IN EVIDENCE Campus safety/police are currently in possession of the counterfeited twenty dollar bill that passed through the Chick-Fil-A on TJC's campus.

Zika virus will not stop the Costa Rica trip this spring despite the risks

By Alejandra Hurtado
Spanish Editor

Editor's note: Issue 9 ran a story stating incorrectly that the Costa Rica trip was not officially going. This was a misinformed announcement and we now have the official information below.

TJC's annual community service trip to Costa Rica will go ahead as planned in spite of confirmed cases of Zika disease in that country, school officials said Feb. 23.

"The Zika once again is a minor virus, but it has repercussion for pregnant women. It can make you very sick but for the most part is like any other Latin American disease like the dengue," said John Hays, department chair of Foreign Language and Spanish professor.

Since 2009, the Project Costa Rica has been an annual "collaboration between University of Texas at Tyler and Tyler Junior College to give global exposure/experience to our students while at the same time working in a rural Latino setting effecting relationships," said Hays.

According to the Center of Disease Control and Prevention, "Zika is a disease caused by Zika virus that is spread to people primarily through the bite of an infected Aedes

species mosquito."

Zika was previously reported in tropical areas such as Africa, Southeast Asia, and the Pacific Islands. However, Pan American Health Organization reported an alert in May 2015 confirming that Brazil had the first Zika virus infection case. This was the start of transmission of Zika virus within 18 countries "This is twice the number of countries and territories that were reported as having locally transmitted cases of Zika in the previous epidemiological update (Dec. 1, 2015)," according to Pan American Health Organization's website.

One of the countries on the list is Costa Rica, located in Central America where each year since 2009 TJC has gone for this project

"Dr. Metke was a Peace Corps Volunteer as a young man in Costa Rica," said Hays.

"There will 14 people in all, two advisors, seven students from TJC, and five from UT Tyler," said Hays.

Following the situation in Latin America, the main participants of Costa Rica Project convened a meeting to finalize details of the trip to be held in May. 16-25. Teresa Kennedy, Senior International Officer, Kathleen Everling Assistant Professor of Education were the representation of the University of Tyler in this meeting. In addition, Dr.

Michael Metke, president of TJC, Stephanie Eijnsink ETMC First Physicians Clinic Service at TJC and John Hay were present at the meeting which ended in the continuity of the community project in Costa Rica in the year 2016.

"We just had a meeting Tuesday with regard to the specifics of the itinerary and precautions that we need to take because of certain things that are now happening in Latin America over which we have no control," said Hays.

Presidential government of Costa Rica, The Ministry of Health and the Costa Rican Tourism Institute posted in a press release "Zika virus should not be an impediment to domestic and foreign tourists to visit the various tourist attractions of Costa Rica."

According to Hays, the group will finish building the fence around the elementary school, fertilizing trees that have already been planted, teach English classes in primary schools and Dr. Metke wants to do a Tobacco seminar.

"We will be busy for two days on the project, but 10 overall. We are going to several areas," said Hays.

According to Hays, they have not even set a date for the preliminary meeting of the trip in order to confirm details, however this meeting must be done before May. 12.

TJC campus and dorms safer with brand new alarm system

By Megan Nicholson
Staff Writer

The Alarm Systems are there for everyone's safety, and no one should ignore them.

"Fire/life safety is very important to me. It's a very important issue when people are sleeping at night," said Mark Gartman, Utilities Maintenance Superintendent Facilities and Construction.

TJC completed the installation of a new alarm system last year. It took two years to put it in 32 buildings on campus, including the dorms. According to Gartman, this is just phase one of many. Which means there are some buildings, such as the tennis center, Grace building, the research building and the smaller outlying buildings which haven't got the new system yet.

The old systems were replaced with the new system that uses 41ES. This involves replacing all the wiring, main nodes, the monitoring panel and all the devices such as smoke detectors in the buildings. The buildings have little sensors in the rooms that detect things such as heat, carbon monoxide and smoke. Tampering with it can set off one of the three alarms. The three alarms are supervisory, trouble and fire alarm.

An example of Supervisory Alarm is if a student reaches up and tampers with the head of the smoke detector, it sends a supervisory alert which means it doesn't reset itself. Someone physically has to go over to where it is to determine the problem. With the new system, the main node will tell what room and what someone tampered it with.

A Trouble Alarm is more tricky. No one can tell what causes it. It could be a blip in the electrical circuits, or it could be the system rebooting itself, but once it determines that everything is okay, it resets itself. When that happens it sends a trouble alarm and that's what it is intended for -- taking care of the blips on its own.

A Fire Alarm can detect heat, which results in an immediate fire alarm. When it detects smoke in just one room it will send a supervisory alarm, however, if it detects smoke in more than one room it will set off an immediate fire alarm.

The way TJC picked the system is



Photo by Megan Nicholson

3 ALARMS IN ONE The Simplex Alarm System contains three alarms for supervisory, trouble and fire. The alarm above uses the new 41ES system.

by sending out an RFP (request for proposal) to four different companies. After that, the board set up a meeting with the companies and told them what the school wanted. From there they came up with a proposal. The board decided to go with Simplex because it was more economical, and Gartman had good experience with them and they show great interest in Tyler Junior College. Gartman has worked with TJC for five years, and he said this new system is 100 percent better than the one the college previously used.

This is a big improvement because all the systems work together and report to each other through a network rather than a phone line, like the old system did.

To verify that the alarm systems are working properly, there is an annual inspection. Tyler Junior College hires an independent company to come out and check the entire system to make sure everything is good, usually in June.

"With this new system, I think the students are more protected especially in the dorms and I am able to go home and go to sleep knowing that the students will be safe on campus," said Gartman.

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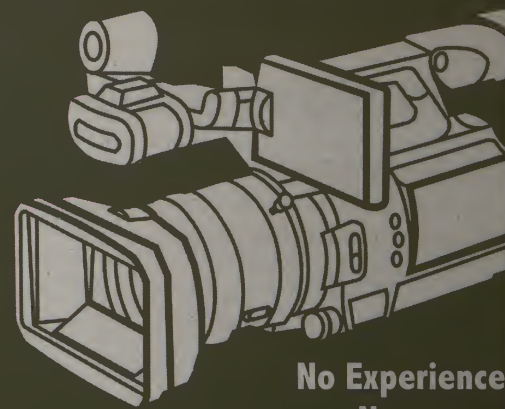
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Art Club in its 11th year of biannual canned food drive

Truckloads of cans are gathered by the Art Club's food drive each semester, it is then donated to Tyler CARES

By Emily Attebery
Managing Editor

After ten years of gathering food for the Art Club's Biannual Canned Food Drive, the group is ready to take on its eleventh year.

"It's become a tradition really. It's something that we look forward to every year," said Art Professor Paul Jones.

What started out as a competition between TJC, UT Tyler and Texas College to see who could raise the most cans for Tyler AIDS Services, ended up not being a competition at all compared to TJC's numbers. The Tyler CARES Food Pantry is the new name for where these cans are delivered.

"We ended up beating the other schools by 1,500 cans. From that year on they just came directly to us, and so we started doing a canned food drive every semester just to help their food pantry," said Professor and Art Department Chair Derrick White.

Though the years seem to have merged together since it started, each time remains a beneficial experience for the students and Tyler CARES.

"It has benefited us tremendously," said Billy Harrell, NT Coordinator at Tyler CARES Food Pantry.

Clients who get services from Tyler CARES are normally on social security, disability services or are single mothers. Tyler CARES offers weekly and monthly food boxes to their clients. The majority of their pantry is filled whenever the TJC Art Club puts on their drive.



TRUCKLOADS OF CANS gathered by the Art Club for the Art Club's Biannual Canned Food Drive in 2015.

Courtesy photo

"It's almost like Christmas to us here when we get food in, cause I'm telling you, we celebrate," said Harrell, "matter of fact, last time I had to re-arrange the whole pantry because of the amount that the drive had accumulated for us, and that's a good problem to have".

Although Tyler CARES is a nonprofit organization, they often have struggles to be able to serve their clients the way they'd like. That's why they always look forward to seeing the volunteers from TJC come in with their truckloads of cans.

"It's always neat because you see what their pantry looks like beforehand, and then we pretty much fill it up. It's a really cool feeling," said Jones.

There have been a couple of times in the past where not enough donations were given, and Art Club had to use their own funds to buy groceries. Fortunately, Brookshire's would always cut their prices in half.

"I think it has taken off over the years, but even at the beginning it was pretty popular and we got a lot of stuff," said Jones.

Some fun memories of last year's delivery are part of what makes the drive momentous. On Delivery Day, it started pouring rain, soaking all of the volunteers loading the trucks and the flimsy cardboard boxes. Professor White bought everyone ponchos and they endured the storm until they got the job done.

"I think what I enjoy most about it is helping the students help others," said White.

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Thousands of transcripts will be sent out to potential transfer colleges

By Jaelon Mitchell
Staff Writer

It is transfer season at Tyler Junior College and that can only mean one thing -- the process of filling out and sending thousands of transcripts for students.

"This is one our busiest times of the year," said Danni Sluder, Transcript Record Technician for Tyler Junior College, "a lot of students come around this time to fill out transcripts to send out to different colleges."

Around this time of year, students line up in the White Administration Service Center getting transcripts to fill out and send off to the schools of their preference in hopes

that they get accepted. "Through an entire semester, we have about 5,000 students come in and fill out transcripts," said Sluder.

Danni Sluder's job is to print off transcripts, maintain correct records on students, update students biographical information and preserve and protect the secure records of students at Tyler Junior College.

Students need transcripts in order for them to transfer to another school. A transcript is a copy of the permanent academic record. This includes the courses taken, dates of attendance, major, type of degree awarded, GPA and all rewards received at school.

Transcripts must be sent out in a timely manner in or-

der to meet prospective transfer-school's deadline.

The process for students to request a transcript is simple. Students go to the Tyler Junior College website and print off a transcript request form. They fill out the entire form and they either fax or mail it back to Tyler Junior College, the address and fax number is on the form. Students can also choose to walk in to the White Administration Center and go to the transcript office to request a transcript request form by showing their TJC ID or a valid driver's license or passport.

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White believes there's a difference when able to see the volunteering process first hand. A lot of what is donated ends up being the only source of food people have, particularly during Thanksgiving.

Community Service is the third promise TJC makes to its students, and the Art Club's Food Drive every year is an example of that. The hope of this drive is not only providing resources for those in the area who need it, but also sending a message to the students on how important it is to do something for

someone else.

"It's very rewarding I think and hopefully that sparks that interest in other community services they can do once they've left Tyler Junior College, and know that they [themselves] are members of this community. We're all here to help each other out," said White.

Non-Perishable food donations can be made to the Art Club Canned Food Drive at the drop off location in Jenkins Hall Art Department Lobby or pick-ups can be scheduled by (903) 510-2233. The food drive ends Friday April 29, 2016.



Courtesy photo

HELPING HANDS OF A TJC STUDENT This year, like the ones before, students help with sorting and packing donations to take to the charities that will distribute them among the needy.

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Some of the questions students have about transcripts include, when to request one, should they wait for the grades to post, when are the grades and degrees posted, can they be sent electronically or can they be faxed? It is also asked when the schools they are being to will receive them, and if the transcripts be overnight shipped.

"With their transcripts, students can do next day delivery with FedEx to get their transcript out faster to schools. Tyler Junior College usually get student's transcripts out within 24-48 hours, but that could be pushed back to 2-3 weeks cause of the volume of students trying to get them out," Sluder said.

While transcripts are sent out at all times throughout the year, most students request them and send them out during

the fall and spring semesters. "During the peak time when grades are posted, 300 to 500 students are waiting for theirs to get sent out," Sluder said.

Tyler Junior College allows students to have ten free transcripts per semester. After that, the cost is \$5 each. The school does not work with unofficial transcripts after 2007.

Among the schools which are sent transcripts the majority seem to choose, "Texas A&M, Stephen F. Austin, and UT-Tyler," said Sluder.

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Vaughn Library running out of room for physical books

By Carl Speaks
Copy Editor

"Libraries, since their inception, have been storehouses for the world's information, from clay tablets right up to the digitized items available today," as put by Marian Jackson, director of Learning Resource Center and librarian in Vaughn Library, in a paper she wrote on the rationale for purging a number of books from the library.

Built in 1968, the Vaughn Library had a capacity of 100,000 volumes. In 2011-2012, it reached critical mass in excess of 105,000 volumes. The staff had to start stacking books on the floor or decide which materials were no longer pertinent or needed for the different courses offered.

By the end of the year, the staff selected around 13,000 volumes to purge. Including volumes that were obviously outdated, such as Modern Farming Techniques published in 1938.

In 1999, the computer card catalog system was set in place to make it easier for students to check out items and for the library to keep track of the number of times each book is checked out. Books that were seldom checked out, or in some cases not checked out at all, were also considered.

By the end of the 2011-2012 purge, the library staff believed its contents was comprised of a more pertinent and useful collection.

As of last fall, Pirtle Tech needed to incorporate 40 computers from a closed lab, formerly in room T315, in order to facilitate two additional Anatomy and Physiology Labs in Pirtle. In a collaborative effort between Vaughn Library and TJC's IT department, a preliminary plan for a remodel of the library was offered. This also required another purge of print collections.

The majority of selections come from the Geography, History and Biography sections of the library. According to Jackson, Geography books just aren't as necessary since the advent of Google and some government publications, including atlases, just aren't put out in print anymore.

With classrooms, archives, more computers and other necessities like the Quest room, the Library is simply running out of space for all of the print collections. "We also got the Starbucks, which I really pushed for," said Jackson.

"it's my responsibility to not just yank books willy-nilly," said Jackson. The library

tries to meet the student's needs and the professor's requirements, but "In order to keep a growing, evolving dynamic collection ... we can't not weed some out," she added.

Each year, the library budget gets cut a little more. Some is allocated to print material and some is for online resources. Jackson said, "I bought a Powerball ticket" with the intent of putting some of the winnings into building a state-of-the-art library for the school. "I didn't win," she added.

The library can't simply pull books from the shelves. There are guidelines which must be followed.

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools - Commission on Colleges (SACS-COC), which is the regional accrediting agency, sets the standards for what the library makes available. It requires a qualified staff, sufficient resources and sufficient availability of resources, such as with online materials.

According to SACS-COC core requirements, "it is expected that the institution provide appropriate library collections, resources and services at all locations, including off-campus instructional sites and branch campuses and offered through distance and correspondence education."

Jackson explained that this means off-campus or distant students who take hybrid and internet classes, as well as the on-campus students, must have appropriate digital resources available to them.

Even with the over 14,000 e-books available at the library, there are problems.

Not all e-books are available for every platform. Companies like "the Nook [are] going out of business," said Jackson. It may become necessary for the library to eventually begin lending out appropriate technology - tablets that students can use for the platforms available.

With database resources, like Proquest, purchasing multiple e-books is easier, but there is sometimes a concern with publisher pull-outs - when a publishing company pulls an online resource, making it unavailable.

The word "purge" might bring to mind a sense of destruction, but the books that the library purges actually go to Better World Books - a non-profit organization.

The donated books are sold to developing countries who need them. 10 percent

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of the proceeds from those sales goes to the National Literacy Council.

For the books that are not accepted by Better World Books, a table is set up in the library

with a sign that says “free books” for anyone to take.

“When finding the book you’re looking for, I want students to look at the ones

around it,” said Jackson, hoping that in the process a new discovery will be made – something that will be less likely in a completely digital library.

The general idea may be akin to

“In order to keep a growing, evolving, dynamic collection ... we can’t not weed some out.”

—Marian Jackson
Director of Learning Resource center /

taking over for its once-popular Beta-max predecessor, or the relatively quick outdating of VHS for the now common DVD, but Jackson believes that it will be

some time before books are phased out, if ever.

The library will continue to have appropriate resources available in whatever format they can. One resource is Jackson herself.

“My office is in front so students can come in who can’t find a book and pull up a stool while I help them look,” said Jackson.

HEALTH

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keep children from developing a tolerance to the low levels of bacteria left behind by simple hand washing them.

We’re trying to be safer, but we don’t really know what we’re doing in the long run. Thirty years ago, a kid could ride in the back window of a car, but now it’s “buckle up, buttercup, or mommy’s getting a ticket and a visit from CPS (Child Protective Services).”

We have faster cars with more safety features, we also have more accidents and more drunk drivers. There was a story of a man who fell from a five-foot tall ladder, broke his neck and died. Then there’s another story of a woman who went skydiving, her chute didn’t open she bounced three times and lived. Granted, that’s more of fate taking a turn and less of the decisions people make, but it goes to show that when your time is up, it doesn’t matter where you stand.

Why tempt fate, though? Shouldn’t we do everything that we can to be healthier? Will it make a difference? Or is it a crap shoot?

James Fuller, a.k.a. Jim Fixx was a bit of a celebrity in the late 70’s and early 80’s. He was a best-selling author of “The Complete Book of Running”, was on the cover of multiple magazines for his jogging lifestyle and even did some jogging videos. At the age of 52, while jogging, he died of a massive heart attack. A healthy man with healthy habits and it

didn’t appear to help.

On the flip side, George Burns, a comedian, actor, singer, producer and writer – well-known for a comedy show called “The George Burns and Gracie Allen Show” in the 50’s, many TV series and several movie roles, including “Oh God!” and “Oh God, You Devil” in the 70’s and 80’s where he played as both God and the Devil – smoked as many as 10 cigars each day and drank a glass of bourbon each night before bed. He died in 1996 at the age of 100.

People develop problems, diseases and conditions for which doctors create treatments and pills. On the labels for every pill is a list of side effects. We can take more pills to combat the side effects, but it’s an endless cycle. Sometimes it seems like we’re just doing the old “stop, drop and roll” move in case of a nuclear attack, but on a global and more dispersed scale.

There is no cure-all for the extremes. People work out too much; people eat too much – too much of a good thing can be bad, and not all bad things are as bad as they are made out to be --all things in moderation.

All we can do is try our best, maybe do some research and try to live good lives while hoping our numbers come up seven or eleven. There is, of course, no accounting for stupidity – warning labels and stop signs aren’t just suggestions, after all.

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(Top) Mitch Andrews performs in the TJC production *Guys & Dolls* when he was as student at TJC. (Middle) Joan performs in the TJC production *the Crucible* during her time as a student. (Bottom) The Andrews show off their blessing, Clayton, the day after his adoption and 20 years of marriage

The Andrews are a

By Haley Schukei
Staff Writer

TJC graduate, Mitch Andrews, attributes much of his success to Tyler Junior College. In the fourteen years since his return, he has worked to repay the favor as one of the architects of the colleges' future.

"To come here and see so many new facilities and so many more students here than when I attended, that's unbelievable to me, and the growth we've had over the last almost 14 years that I've worked at TJC is pretty unbelievable," said second-generation Apache, Mitch Andrews, interim executive director of Institutional Advancement and TJC Foundation. "We've met the educational needs of the community while not losing what is special about TJC as an institution."

Andrews' father, an All-American football player at TJC, later came back

to take the Apache Football Head Coaching position. He met Mitch's mother, an Apache Belle, in 1952.

In 1981, Andrews enrolled at TJC to compete with the state's longest-running and nationally recognized speech and debate program. On the first day of freshman orientation, he had no idea that he would meet the woman whom he would eventually marry.

"If you had told me when I was at TJC that I would be married to Mitch, I would've just laughed," said wife, Joan Andrews, who is a TJC Speech professor, "we were friends for four years before we ever dated."

During their time as students at TJC from 1981-1983, 35 years ago, things were a lot different.

Genecov was not yet built, nor the OHPE Center, and the Wise Cultural Arts Center, at the time, was a new facility. The Center for Earth and Space Science was there, but it was actually

called the Hudnall Planetarium. Weiner restaurant on Fifth Street across from there, but it was called Der Weinerschn

Gentry Gym was where the Rogers is and there was no student center at the thing to one was a building that stood v Administrative Services Center now sta Tee-Pee, which is where students v books.

Everybody had cars because gas was so cheap, as was insurance, and parking was easy.

There were no computers, so students couldn't register electronically. Instead, they would walk around Jenkins

Hall with a registration card that had to be signed by each professor.

"My scholarship covered everything except for \$5. I had like a \$150 scholarship," said Joan.

"If we paid \$20 for our books, we were shocked," said Mitch.

Once it was time to transfer, Mitch and Joan both found handsome offers from University of Mississippi. — Still only f they both decided to attend Ole' Miss.

"They waived out-of-state tuition on top of that. They practically paid for at Ole Miss, and what an incredible ex that's all because of TJC," said Mitch.

"For some reason, people have this going to a junior college is going to be will be prepared for classes when youg

"If you had told me when I was at TJC that I would be married to Mitch, I would've just laughed."

—Joan Andrews
TJC Speech Professor and wife of Mitch Andrews

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those small classes at TJC your instructors have really had their chance to put their hands on you," said Joan.

Both attribute all of their success to the committed professors that they had more than 30 years ago.

"It's not about pulling a paycheck, its really about helping students. And really making a difference," said Mitch.

"Most places you go, if you sink or you fail, nobody really cares. Here, professors work with

you, because that's what the culture of TJC is—that the students are successful for life. And that is exactly the same. That has not changed at all," said Joan.

Some of the same professors Joan and Mitch had are still here today, 35 years later.

"One thing that distinguishes us is the longevity of professors here, being here forever. That's been a really interesting experience for me. Coming back and

standing next to what and now I'm standing next to them as peers," said Mitch.

"I had some mentors here that I get to work with every day now so that even makes it more fun. It makes it almost like full circle, that I'm working with the people that made such a difference in my life," said Joan.

The couple was married in 1990 when they moved to Atlanta.

"We were in Atlanta for about 12 years. Then the call

came to come home. We really felt a pull to come back to Texas and to Tyler," said Mitch.

Mitch was hired as Director of Principal Gifts, simply defined as developing relationships across the community for people to give significant contributions to the college. TJC has grown substantially, even in the short time since the two returned to Tyler in 2002, and plenty of this growth can be attributed to Mitch.

Most recently, just after the holidays, Mitch was appointed the position of Interim Executive Director of Institutional Advancement and the TJC Foundation.

The TJC Foundation is a separate non-profit organization that supports Tyler Junior College. The foundation has over \$47 million in assets, which mostly comes from one large endowment that supports students, faculty and programs at TJC.

"It's rewarding to me as a former student to see so many in the community, alumni, corporations and individuals, who are just friends of TJC come forward and be so generous in supporting the college and helping it to grow," said Mitch.

For Mitch and Joan, who began their adult lives at TJC, to choose to return and spend over a decade and counting here, proves their appreciation.

They both believe that TJC is not just unique to the area or state, but to the country in many ways by reestablishing the right standards and traditions from almost a century ago, and diligently working to preserve those fundamentals today.

"We were in Atlanta for about 12 years. Then the call came to come home. We really felt a pull to come back to Texas and to Tyler."

—Mitch Andrews
TJC Faculty and husband of Joan Andrews

"It was very different and, in many ways, it's exactly the same. The culture is exactly the same. There are more programs, more bells and whistles, but fundamentally, I think what makes TJC great is exactly the same," said Joan.



ATURE PERFECT LOVE STORY Mitch and Joan Andrews poses for family a photo taken in 2007. *Courtesy Photo*

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90 for 90th TJC District Bike Tour

Column

Like to ride a bike in the wind or go for a ride when the weather is nice? Then sign up for the 90 for 90th TJC district bike tour April 1-2 starting at 8 a.m. Early bird registration for both days is \$35 or \$20 for just one day. Late registration, which is at 7 a.m. the day of the events is \$40 for both days or \$25 for one day. With every registration, participants will receive a T-shirt. There will also be commemorative, 90th anniversary cycling jerseys available for purchase. This event involves fitness as well as expands the district of TJC. The president of TJC, Dr. Mike Metke gets the 90 mile, two-day ride going from Alba-Golden to Rusk. All are welcome to ride in the tour but how much of the ride is completed is up to the individual riders.

Participants who wish their bikes taken to the starting point may report to TJC's Pat Hartley field where riders will bubble wrap their bikes so that they can be loaded into a trailer and transported to the starting location for the given day. For the riders who would also like to be transported, there will be a bus moving the riders to the starting location for the given days.

To kick things off, the ride will start at Alba-Golden High School going

through Quitman, Mineola and Lindale then ending on the TJC main campus. There is no fine or disqualification for stopping once the ride

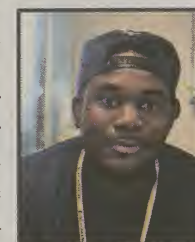
has begun. If a break is needed or hunger starts to attack, then riders should take the time for themselves, then get back to the ride.

Knowing that this is a ride for fun and not competition is a major key. Since it is spring time, cotton, pollen and other allergies are prominent this time of year so any medicine, inhalers or antibiotics should be taken on both days of the event to prevent any reactions or attacks in order to secure the health of the riders.

On day two, The ride will begin at the main campus of TJC and go south to Whitehouse, Jacksonville and finish in Rusk.

The ride will be one filled with fun and enjoyment for all that attend, though it may be tiring and longer than many going into it for the first time might expect. The outcome will be a memory that will last a lifetime. The friendships, bonds and different people that will be met during this two-day event will be priceless.

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Nick Vaughn
Sports Editor

Men's golf member gives his best swings for final season at TJC

By Nick Vaughn
Sports Editor

What is a college golfer and what does he/she do? Many people in the United States, including students for that matter, don't really know about college golf and what it is.

"I don't really know anything about the golf team," said freshmen student, Te Wayne

All people see is the Masters and other major golf tournaments that are nationally televised. Which is mostly because golf is not a favorite sport for the American people. In fact, it is not even in the top five spots to watch, so the amount of air time the sport gets pales compared to football or basketball. But to reach those heights, there is a ladder to success and, just like in any other sport, is the next step before the pros, if that is the goal.

That is the goal for one such student -- Sophomore student, Clayton Keck.

"Clayton is really hard working. Whenever he does bad, he just goes to the range and fixes what he needs to fix. He puts in a lot of time and effort," said freshman teammate Tyler Leclair.

There are some students here at Tyler Junior College that don't even know that there is a golf team.

"Don't really know too much about it. I live with them, so they seem



Photo by Nick Vaughn
PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT
Clayton Keck out practicing his golf swing after returning from his latest tournament in Stonebridge; Bossier City, LA.

pretty cool," said freshmen Jordan Williams, "but other than that, I don't really know too much about them or how good they are. I can't really just say."

A member of the golf team looks like an average student, unlike the football and basketball players who stand out when they walk around campus.

To people who aren't friend, family or teammates, Clayton Keck as a golf athlete. Even though he has been representing the school in golf tournaments for the past two years.

"Dedicated to his game, focused and is ready to win all the time," said freshmen teammate Scott Campbell.

He is not a figure that will be seen fighting off crowds of people trying to befriend him due to a recent game's success or trying to know where he will be continuing his golf career at the university of his choosing.

"He deserves to be going to a better school than where he is going," said freshmen teammate Garrett White.

Clayton however is anything but a quiet voice in a room. Living life to the fullest seems to be his motto and he takes full advantage of it. There is no denying when Clayton is in the building.

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Women's ambitious tennis performance result of hard work

By Autumn Avina
Staff Writer

Tyler Junior College women's tennis team is recognized for the players' outstanding performance in the class and on the court. As academic athletes of the year, Head Coach Dash Conell explains his secret to getting a team as ambitious as this one.

"I never played women's tennis, but the game planning is different," said Coach Conell, Tyler Junior College former men's tennis player and head coach, "women will actually listen a lot better. They will trust and believe in it."

Leading his team to the regional championship isn't an easy thing to do, but he had a lot of faith and trust in them because of how hard they worked to get there.

Having them practice seven days a week and do study hall between classes was not easy on the players. Fortunately, Gabby Andrews, former regional champ from California, made the job in class and on the court look easy.

"It was really difficult. We were playing DI-DII teams, but we made it by winning our singles in the quarter finals," said Andrews.

Getting there and losing at the last second in the last match had to hurt, though. Playing against a former teammate had to be one of the toughest adversities to overcome.

"I was playing against a girl I actually know, and it was five on the second set. Coach told me to not have

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any hesitation and just swing, but I didn't do that," said Andrews.

Overcoming a big loss on the court though, they won the real match in the classroom. Tyler Junior College women's team was ranked number one on the all-academic highest GPA record. Having their GPA at a 4.0 and being regional champs was a hard thing to achieve.

"I think we are real fortunate, but, when I recruit, I make them understand the better grades you get, the more opportunities you get," said Coach Conell,

"a lot of my former players have been sent to top Big 12 schools just because of their academics, not even their skill on the court."

Not always being a fan of school was a dramatic change for Andrews, and she had to become acclimated to life as a college athlete.

"It's funny because, all throughout high school, I did not really care about my grades. That's bad to say, but I found out when I got here it's not about just tennis, but where my grades can get me," said Andrews.

Upcoming Athletic Events



Men's Tennis

Mar. 22 vs. Jacksonville College

Mar. 25 vs. University of Texas - Tyler

Mar. 26 vs. Prairie View A&M

Apr. 1 @ TBA

Apr. 12 vs. St. Mary's University

Apr. 15 @ TBA

Apr. 22 vs. TBA

May. 15 vs TBA

Mar. 28 @ Concordia

University

Apr. 1 vs. Carl Albert State College

Apr. 2 vs. Carl Albert State College

Apr. 4 vs. Bossier Parish CC

Apr. 9 vs. Louisiana State University - Eunice

Apr. 10 vs. Louisiana State University - Eunice

Apr. 13 vs. Brookhaven College

Women's Tennis

Mar. 22 vs. Jacksonville College

Mar. 26 vs Prairie View A&M

Apr. 1 vs. TBA

Apr. 5 @ Louisiana Tech

Apr. 9 @ Abilene Christian University

Apr. 15 @ TBA

Apr. 22 vs. TBA

May 7 vs. TBA

Men's Baseball

Mar. 21 vs. Mountain View College

Mar. 25 vs. TCS - Post Grad Academy

Women's Softball

Mar. 23 @ Navarro College

Mar. 25 @ Northeast Texas Community College

Mar. 30 vs. Bossier Parish CC

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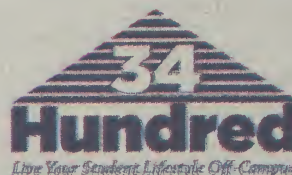
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Tyler Junior College's annual Arts Festival begins

Verve

By Rachal Gilbert
Verve editor

Not a single seat was left unfilled as the annual Tyler Junior College Arts Festival began for 2016.

The festival started with guest speaker Carlyn Ray appearing at the Tyler Art Museum on March, 20. Ray spoke about her travels around the world apprenticing and blowing glass with mentors such as Dale Chihuly.

Ray spoke about the characteristics and basic formation of glass blowing and how to tell if a piece has been hand made. Ray also discussed the merits of Chihuly pieces and how to identify his specific designs.

Ray's pastor advised her to find her path and her journey that she wanted to seek in life.

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"When I was 8 years old, I saw a bunch of burly, bearded, tattooed, motorcycle guys blowing glass and I turned to my mom and my dad and I said, 'this is what I want to do,'" said Ray.

Ray then spent all of her college years working at multiple studios; performing multiple jobs within those studios.

"I love the fire, the teamwork, the intensity, the sweat -- it's a very physical art form," said Ray.

Ray now works with at-risk student groups in her Dallas, Texas art studio to create blown glass pieces and give back to the community with her art.

"I really wanted to give back to Dallas in creating my own pieces. We do demonstrations, we do walk-in workshops and we teach people how to actually be a glass blower. Also, we give back to the public with our program called Art Reaching Out," said Ray.

The Dale Chihuly exhibit will be part of the Arts Festival featured in the Tyler Art Museum until May 15.

The Arts Festival at Tyler Junior College is an event continuing from March until May. The Arts Festival is a celebration of all things theatrical, musical and artistic on the TJC Campus.

Other events for the Arts Festival include:

Apache Belles Spring Show, March 31.

Student Music Recital, Chance Dunlap Art Exhibition, April 1.

Apache Preview Day, April 2.

Silent Art Auction, April 3-7.

Coffee House: Guitar Ensemble, Jeffrey Werbeck, April 6.

Student Recital, April 8 and April 15.

Venue: PlayFest, April 9.

Bell Tower Launch, April 11.

Open Mic Night, Coffee House: Student Composition exhibit, April 13.



Photo by Rachal Gilbert

THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS Carlyn Ray recalls her time spent with Dale Chihuly as an apprentice. Ray has spent many years under different masters, learning the art of glass blowing -- a trade she has had a passion for since the age of eight.

Students explore their creativity through Tribe Productions at TJC

By Elizabeth Dieterich
Staff Writer

A student ripped a purse from the hands of an old woman outside of Rogers Student Center a few weeks ago. Another student knocked the perpetrator to the ground and returned the purse to its rightful owner. Nobody called Campus Police because the film club was filming a skit as a promotional video for the 50 Gallon Challenge blood drive.

The TJC film club, also known as Tribe Productions has been a part of the college since they were inducted as an organization in the fall of 2015.

Creating a film can be a tedious process with many complications but with Tribe Productions students can learn and work together to produce a film by writing, acting and filming.

Sophomore and Tribe Productions President and founder, Jabari Caddell, felt like TJC was lacking something that other colleges have.

"I was influenced by many other schools who have film clubs," said Caddell, "and even though they have film majors and TJC doesn't, I felt like the film club could be something that helped people get interested in film on campus and someday it could create a film major."

Having nearly doubled in size this fall to about 30 students, Tribe Productions provides an outlet for students who wish to expand their creativity through visual productions.

Together they work to brainstorm and film.

Sophomore Deleon Cravens has been with the club since the beginning and has helped it progress.

In their upcoming film, they plan to show problems like

mass shootings.

"It's kind of a tribute to, like, mass shootings that's been going on at schools and colleges," said Cravens, "we are going to bring a light to it."

There is a lot of preparation that goes into a film. There is a script, actors, equipment and also hours of editing involved.

"I enjoy film because it allows me to express myself," said Cravens, "Film is an art form, and pretty much film is my art."

Freshman Asya Morgan enjoys theater and wanted to try something new while learning more about how film works.

"I thought theater and film relates in a lot of different ways," said Morgan, "so that's what made me want to join this club,"

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“What I like about film is that, after we film everyone gets to look at it,” said Morgan.

Radio, TV and Broadcasting major and Sophomore, James Parker has always liked movies and plans on pursuing a career in film. He gets experience for future jobs by participating in Tribe Productions.

“You get to take bits and pieces out of it, kind of like a puzzle and then put it together afterwards.”

—Asya Morgan
Theater enthusiast, Tyler Junior

Tribe Productions has also worked with other organizations such as poetry club and the 50-Gallon Challenge to create promotional videos.

“Anybody can make a movie nowadays and everybody just puts stuff in theaters...” said Caddell, “that’s a lot of money to waste on something that is not really good and people don’t enjoy.”

Caddell hopes people will begin to think of film as an art instead of just entertainment.

Tribe Productions meets every Wednesday at 5 p.m. at RSC room 305.

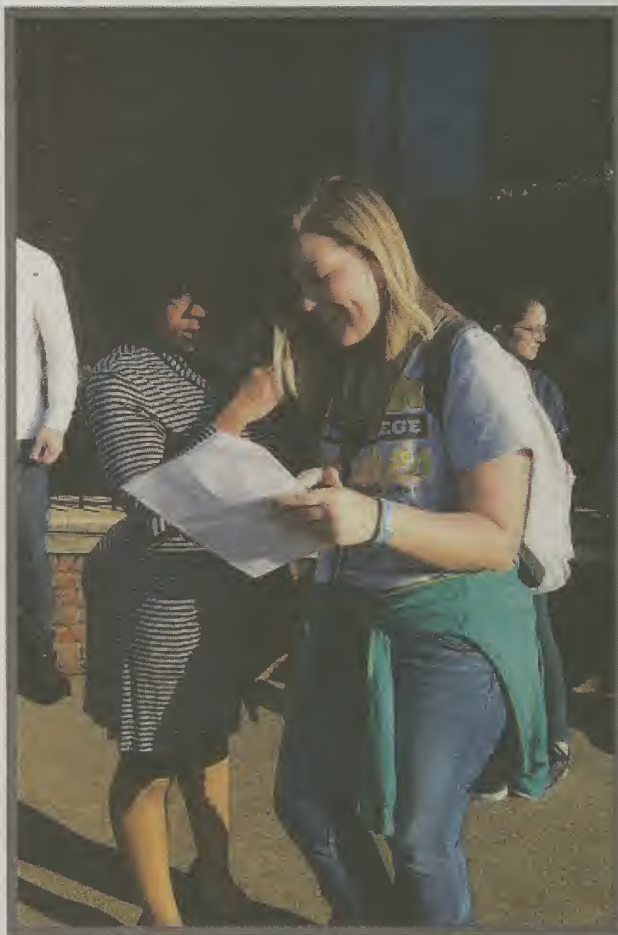


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TRIBE MEMBERS review their scripts while on set and prepare for their upcoming performances.



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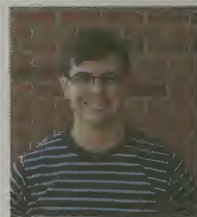
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Allegiant

Movie Review

I just watched *Allegiant*. You didn’t hear this, but I just laughed out loud again as I typed that sentence.



Marshall Cearfoss
News Editor

This movie is the ultimate culmination of everything bad about all of the typical teen-focused trilogies. (i.e. *Hunger Games*, *Maze Runner* ... all of those things.)

Storyline: Every time I watch a movie like this, the plot gets more and more predictable. By now, I’m practically prophetic when it comes to the script. This movie had enough clichés to make the 90s shudder in the corner while repeatedly mumbling, “It can’t be true, yo. It can’t be true.”

A band of teens fights through the old-person-ravaged world and start some type of revolution. Then they find some group of people who finally seem to be the ones with the power to continue the revolution the teens want. Then that group ends up being all nasty like the people from whom the teens were running. Sound familiar?

I mean, come on. Not all old people are mean, filmmakers.

Lastly, this film had one of the most abrupt, unsatisfying endings I have ever had force its way past my corneas. It just..... STOPPED. I’m convinced that they had some

kind of alternate ending planned, but then the director accidentally ordered decaf coffee, had a flat tire, finally made it to the studio, stormed his way past the doors to his office, threw the script for the conclusion out the window and forced the intern to type out a new one on his iPhone 4.

CGI (the not-real things): This CGI wasn’t the most atrocious I’ve seen, but it still qualifies for “pretty bad,” if not on the cusp of “please make it stop.” And their liberal use of green screen just made me hungry.

The thing I did like: The humor in this film was oddly spot-on for how annoying the rest of the production was.

Conclusion: How many parts do I like? One, the humor. How many do I dislike? Every other part.

I’d like to thank Times Square Cinema for making this review possible.

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OPT Trabajo Legal para Estudiantes Internacionales

Por Alejandra Hurtado
Editora en Español

La visa estudiantil F-1 otorgada a los estudiantes internacionales para ingresar a Estados Unidos tiene algunas restricciones de trabajo; sin embargo, "Optional Practical Training" (formación práctica opcional) también conocida como OPT, es una de las opciones legales de generar un beneficio económico y que genera experiencia práctica en el campo laboral, mientras trabaja fuera del campus durante o después de su educación en Tyler Junior College.

"OPT es un buen beneficio que inmigración les da a los estudiantes internacionales para trabajar en su carrera y avanzar en su campo laboral,"

-Nidia Arellano Hassan
Directora de Admisiones,
Tyler Junior College

En la página de internet del Departamento de Seguridad Nacional (Department of Homeland Security) definió OPT como "Un tipo de permiso de trabajo disponible para los estudiantes internacionales elegibles F-1 [visa estudiantil]. Le permite a

los estudiantes obtener experiencia de trabajo real que corresponde a su campo de estudio"

Nidia Arellano Hassan, la directora de admisiones de Tyler Junior College dijo que OPT es un buen beneficio que el Departamento de Inmigración les brinda a los estudiantes internacionales poder trabajar en su carrera y avanzar en su campo laboral. Además, Arellano se refirió a OPT como una manera práctica de asegurarse si efectivamente es la carrera profesional que el estudiante quiere seguir.

"Para muchos de los estudiantes, por supuesto, es una ayuda económica que les da OPT porque ellos deciden trabajar y recibir salario por ese año" dijo Arellano.

Judy Tenacious Millien, estudiante internacional de Topografía y Cartografía Tecnológica dijo "[...] la única manera de adquirir experiencia adicional en mi campo es regresando a las Bahamas, sin embargo, los OPT elimina el gasto adicional y el estrés de ir a casa mediante la concesión de una oportunidad de trabajar legalmente en los Estados Unidos, durante un año."

Antes de aplicar, el Servicio de Inmigración y Control de Aduanas de los Estados Unidos (U.S. Immigrations and Customs Enforcement) provee una serie de

preguntas para considerar si los estudiantes son elegibles para esta opción laboral dentro de los Estados Unidos; dentro de ellas se encuentran preguntas como: "¿Ha sido

"A parte de que recibimos dinero, también ponemos en práctica lo que estamos aprendiendo en TJC"

-Maikel Yanez
Estudiante internacional,
Tyler Junior College

inscrito legalmente en jornada completa y aprobado por DHS (United States Department of Homeland Security) dentro de su college, universidad, o seminario por un año académico completo?, ¿Está actualizada en este momento el estado de su visa F-1? ¿El entrenamiento práctico propuesto está directamente relacionada con su área principal de estudio?"

Nidia Arellano Hassan dijo que OPT no tiene ninguna fecha límite específica, "pero si le sugerimos a los estudiantes que si quieren aplicar a OPT, para cierta temporada, el proceso se toma de tres a seis meses, deben mantener suficiente tiempo para que el proceso pueda ser aprobado por inmigración"

De acuerdo con El Departamento de Seguridad Nacional (DHS), OPT autoriza 12 meses de formación práctica a los estudiantes con visa F-1. Hay dos tipos de OPT que TJC ofrece dependiendo la situación academia actual de cada estudiante. OPT Pre- finalización, se ofrece a los estudiantes que aún continúan en su proceso académico, ellos pueden trabajar medio tiempo o tiempo completo. OPT Pos- finalización, se basa en la opción practica después de graduarse, los estudiantes deben

trabajar de tiempo completo.

"No tenemos muchos estudiantes [trabajando para OPT] porque la mayoría quieren terminar su técnico e ir directamente a la universidad, pero si hay muchos que toman un

receso entre el college y la universidad," dijo Arellano, "ahora tenemos como 8 a 10 estudiantes que están aprovechando el OPT y han sido aprobados y aproximadamente hay 6 estudiantes en proceso de aplicación para obtener OPT."

"Esto es esencial para mí porque me estoy preparando para tomar mi examen SIT [Surveyor in Trainig] y uno de los requisitos es tener al menos dos años de experiencia laboral, por lo cual necesito toda la experiencia que pueda conseguir" dijo Millien.

"La primera vez que se envían la aplicación [para OPT] normalmente es aprobada y no hay ningún problema" dijo la directora de admisiones.

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TIPOS DE OPT

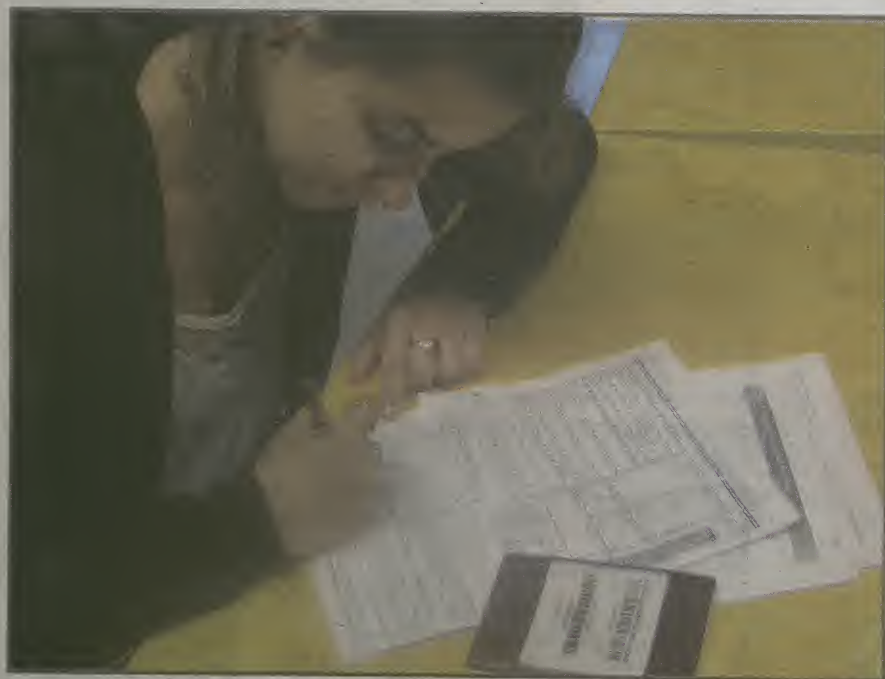
OPT Pos-finalización

Se ofrece a los estudiantes que aún continúan en su proceso académico, ellos pueden trabajar tiempo parcial o tiempo completo.

OPT Pre-finalización

Se basa en la opción practica después de graduarse, los estudiantes deben trabajar de tiempo completo.

Source: studyinthestates.dhs.gov



Fotografia tomada por Alejandra Hurtado

APLICACION EN PROCESO DE OPT Julia Contarelli, estudiante internacional proveniente de Brazil, termino de diligenciar los documentos requeridos por el Servicio de Ciudadanía e Inmigración de los Estados Unidos para aplicar al programa de OPT.

REQUISITOS PARA APLICAR A OPT

- * Pasaporte no vencido
- * El formato de Solicitud de Autorización de Empleo, I-765 (Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization) tiene un costo de \$380 USD este año 2016.
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- * El SEVIS (Student and Exchange Visitor Program) actualizados.
- * El formato I-20 (Form I-20 Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status)
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ENGLISH VERSION OPT legal work for International students

By Alejandra Hurtado
Spanish Editor

The F-1 student visa for international students has work restrictions; Nevertheless, Optional Practice Training (also known as OPT), is a legal option for international students looking to acquire experience and economic benefits in their field while working off campus during and after their education at Tyler Junior College.

"Besides we receive money, also we put into practice what we are learning in TJC"

-Maikel Yanez
Estudiante internacional,
Tyler Junior College

According to the Department of Homeland Security's official website, "Optional practical training is one type of work permission available for eligible F-1 students. It allows students to get real-world work experience related to their field of study."

Nidia Arellano Hassan, director of admissions at Tyler Junior College, said that OPT is a good benefit that The Department of Immigration provides international students to a work opportunity in their career and advance on their field. Also, Arellano referred to OPT as a practical way to decide whether or not it is the major that they want to follow.

"For many of the students, of course, it's a financial aid that the OPT gives to them because they chose to work and receive a salary during that year," Arellano said.

Judy Tenacious Millien, an international student of Surveying and Mapping Technology expressed: "[...] The only way I am able to gain additional work experience in my field is by returning to The Bahamas, however, the OPT eliminates the added expense and stress of going home by granting me the opportunity to legally work in the United States for a year."

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Según Arellano, el sitio de internet del Servicio de Ciudadanía e Inmigración de los Estados Unidos "United States Citizenship and Immigration Services" (www.uscis.gov) ofrece no solo información necesaria respecto a OPT; sino también, los formatos y el procedimiento completo para continuar con la aplicación.

"Uno de los tantos beneficios de OPT es que puedo estudiar y trabajar al mismo tiempo ya que las empresas pueden ser un poco mas flexibles"

-Maikel Yanez
Estudiante internacional, Tyler Junior College

"Cuando ellos quieran transferirse a la Universidad y quieren tomar OPT otra vez, lo pueden volver a hacer," aseguró Arellano., "pero si le

recomendamos que lo piensen porque eso quiere decir que van a prolongar un año más su estudio, lo que incluye también costos de vivienda, comida y transporte".

"Hay muchos estudiantes que aprovechan ese año que tienen con esa compañía, por supuesto, demostrando sus habilidades como empleados y si la compañía se ve dispuesta a patrocinar al estudiante, ellos podrían ayudarle a cambiar el estatus del estudiante y ofrecerle un contrato, por supuesto, fortaleciendo su currículum," dijo Nidia Arellano,

Para mayor información se puede comunicar al teléfono 903-510-2590 oficina de admisiones de TJC o contactar directamente a Daisy LaRue, coordinadora de estudiantes internacionales vía e-mail dlar@tjc.edu o a Nidia Hassan nhas@tjc.edu.

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Tyler's Innovation Pipeline to help college students

By Marshall Cearfoss
Online Editor

Tyler mayor, Martin Heines, with help from city organizers, will soon open Innovation Pipeline, a gateway for business people to excel as entrepreneurs.

"When y'all are finished with your college experience," said Heines, "we want to have mechanisms in place that you can participate in [with]in our community."

"A lot of small business ideas originate from young people that have that college experience, it's important to gain that confidence and get started- that's what I did."

-Martin Heines
Mayor of Tyler, Texas

Since May of 2015, Heines, along with several city organizers, has been working on the idea of a place where entrepreneurs, skilled and unskilled, can converge and expand their horizons.

As a business owner, Heines wants Innovation Pipeline to focus on building the small business foundation



Photo by Marshall Cearfoss

SHOWING THE COMMUNITY Organizers of Innovation Pipeline host mixers and events within the city to give people a chance to meet the faces behind the project.

in Tyler, either for current businesses or for those wishing to start new endeavors.

"Most jobs are not large corporations," said Heines, "most jobs are created by small businesses. And a lot of small business ideas originate from young people that have that college experience ... it's important to gain that confidence and get started. That's what I did."

"Tyler needs a place like this," said Susan Guthrie, assistant city manager, "we have so many college students who have great ideas, yet so many students graduate and move off because we don't have things like this. We really want to create that culture so people will choose to stay."

One new idea which will be a large part of the project is Makerspaces. Jenny Wells, the senior public relations specialist for the city, explained the various purposes for this area.

"A Makerspace is a big laboratory space that you can use for different equipment. Our Makerspace is a pretty large warehouse space," said Wells, "we'll have a clean workshop area that will encompass our robotics and computer technology. We'll have a film and multipurpose classroom area where you can do your filming and have a green screen and have some time to edit, and then in the

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OPT

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Before applying, U.S. Immigrations and Customs Enforcement asks a series of questions to consider eligible students for this work option inside the U.S. Among them are such questions as:

"Have you been lawfully enrolled on a full-time basis in a DHS-approved college, university, conservatory or seminary for one full academic year? Are you currently maintaining F-1 status? Is your practical training proposed directly related to your major area of study?"

Arellano said OPT does not have a specific deadline, "but we suggest to students that if they want to apply to OPT for a certain semester, the process takes between three to six months. They should allow enough time for the process to be approved by Immigration."

According to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), OPT authorizes 12 months of practical training for students with an F-1 visa. There are two types of OPT to apply in TJC which depend on the current academic situation for each student.

"For many of the students, of course, it's a financial aid that the OPT gives to them because they chose to work and receive a salary during that year,"

-Nidia Arellano Hassan
Admission Director
Tyler Junior College

"We don't have many students [working for OPT] because most of them want to finish their associate's degree and go to the university, but there are a lot who take a break between college and university," Arellano

said, "right now, we have approximately eight to ten students who are approved and are taking advantage of the OPT and approximately 6 students in the process of application for OPT."

"This is extremely essential to me, because I am preparing to take my SIT exam [Surveyor in training] and one of the requirements is at least two years of work experience, so I will need all the experience I can get," said Millien.

"The first time they apply, they're usually approved and there are no problems," Arellano said.

According to Arellano, The United States Citizenship and Immigration Services website (www.uscis.gov) offers not only necessary information regarding OPT; but also, formats, the procedure and requirements to complete the application.

"When they [students] want to transfer

to the University and they want to take OPT again, they can do it" said Arellano. "But, we recommend they think about it because that means they are going to extend their studies for another year, which also includes housing, food and transportation costs for a year."

"OPT grants international students the opportunity to gain valuable work experience in the United States."

-Judy Tenacious Millien
Internacional student
Tyler Junior College

OPT provides international students not only a chance to increase their experience on their field, but also the possibility of linking themselves directly with a company in the future. "There are many students who take advantage of that year working with a company, of course, and demonstrate their skills as employees and, if the company is willing to sponsor the student, they could help change the status of the student and offer them a contract, of course, strengthening their resume," she said.

For more information call 903-510-2590 to the admissions office at Tyler Junior College or contact Daisy LaRue, coordinator of international students via e-mail at dlar@tjc.edu or Nidia Arellano Hassan at nhas@tjc.edu.

TYPES OF OPT

Pre-Completion OPT

Is offered to students who are still in their academic process. It may be part-time or full-time.

Post-Completion OPT

Is based on practice after graduation from the program. Students must work full time.

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REQUIREMENTS TO APPLY FOR OPT

- * Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization has a cost of \$ 380 USD this year 2016.
- * The SEVIS (Student and Exchange Visitor Program) updated.
- * Form I-20 Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status.
- * Two passport size photographs 2 x 2 inches (5 x 5 cm).

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INNOVATION

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back portion will be an industrial grade work space where you can use stuff for woodworking and metal-working, and we'll have that equipment there."

Along with industrial equipment, 3D printers are also proposed to be included with the tools available.

For the location of Innovation Pipeline, they decided on an abandoned building near downtown.

Built in the early 1900's, the selected building will be completely renovated to suit the venue. Once finished, the building will be separated into three main portions. The front will be focused on programming and computer work and the back will be the Makerspace. The middle will be devoted to another relatively new concept called "co-working."

"It's really come out of the wood-work with the dawning of all of these freelancers and consultants -- basi-

cally, the people you'd see working at a coffee shop," said Ruthie Strout, a volunteer for the city, "this is like a permanent coffee shop for them, but with a more intentional community. They'll have shared assets like connectivity, lights, power, a kitchen and coffee. So for a fee, they can come and make that their office. It's a really casual environment."

Heines plans for the project to greatly benefit the college community in Tyler, especially those looking to take control of their own future.

"When they're in college, they're trying to expand their horizons," said Heines, "looking at what kind of jobs they're going to have and what kind of impact they're going to have in their community and in their own lives."

The grand opening is planned for either the summer or fall of 2016. For more information, follow Innovation Pipeline on Facebook or email them at innovationpipeline@gmail.com

HOUSING

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The idea for this program came from Diana Karol as an incentive for better grades while also keeping housing affordable.

"Is the first time we have ever done anything like this, and I don't know of any junior college who is doing this," said Karol.

This monetary help might influence sophomores' plans for the next semester. Erica Wesley, currently a freshman living in Ornelas Hall, has a GPA of 3.8 and thought about moving into an apartment for the Fall semester. After hearing about this new program, she decided to sit down and calculate if it would be cheaper to stay in her dorm.

"I like the comfort of being so close to my classes, I can leave my room minutes before class and I won't be late," said Wesley, "I was planning on moving out because it would be cheaper, but now the dorms seem more affordable."

—Diana Karol
Director of Auxiliary Services

Housing also works close with low GPA

students, but the monetary bonus to those who achieve higher GPAs, as Wesley, is an incentive to keep up the good work.

"It's been a goal of the college to retain good students. We want students to come in here, achieve their goals and get prepared," said Karol.

GOLF

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"Clayton is a very outgoing person," Said Campbell

In some cases, the sport becomes bigger than the studies. Otherwise, the term "student athlete" gets completely thrown out the window. Here at TJC, Clayton is managing to stick to the old school route in some ways -- he is not only staying on top of his classes but doing better than some students that are not even playing spots.

He gets his work done on the golf course and the classroom.

"He puts golf in front of almost everything, but he gets really good grades in school as well. He balances that really well," said White

In the fall, Clayton Keck will be attending University of Utah to continue his golf career at the next level.

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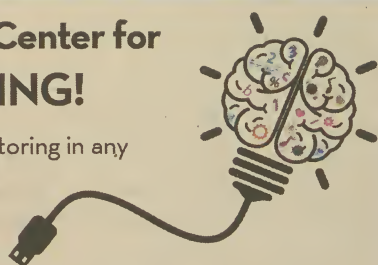
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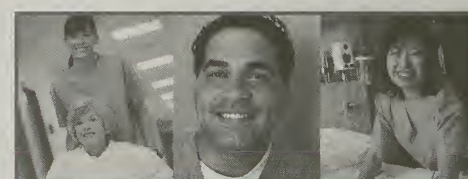
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Events Guide

The Irish Tenors

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Lil Boosie

Lil Boosie Badazz will be live at the Flores Center in Tyler on Friday March 25 and Saturday March 26 at 9 p.m. Tickets are available online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lil-boosie-badazz-tickets-23931058440?aff=ebapi>

All Majors Job Fair

Recruiters from various industries will be on campus ready to hire TJC students on March 30, 2016 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Apache Rooms in Rogers Student Center. Dress professional and bring copies of your résumé.

AAC Dance

The AAC will be hosting a free dance (with valid TJC ID) in the Apache Rooms on March 31, 2016. The dance will be running from 8 p.m.- 11 p.m. For more information contact the Center for Student Life Office at 903-510-2797.

Apache Belles Spring Show

The Tyler Junior College Apache Belles are presenting their 2016 Spring Show, "First and Lasts" in Wise Auditorium. Showtimes include March 31 at 7:30 p.m. (\$8), April 1 at 7:30 p.m. (\$13), April 2 at 2:00 p.m. (\$8) and at 7:30 p.m. (\$13). Members of the TJC Alumni Association can receive 2 free tickets to the show, go to <http://tjc.edu/alumni/jointoday> to join.

Mortal Kombat Video Game Tournament

Sign up for the Mortal Kombat Video Game Tournament just by showing up! The tournament will be on March 31, 2016 on the Recreation Center of Rogers Student Center from 5 a.m.- 7 a.m.

The Hot Sardines

The UT Tyler Cowan Center presents the Hot Sardines, one of New York's hottest jazz acts on April 7, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. Member sales begin Aug. 10 and Public sales begin Mar. 7. For more information on the band and the show visit <http://www.cowancenter.org/thehotsardines.html>.

Mini Easter Egg Hunt

Explore the park, have a picnic, have family photos taken, tour the museum and much more on March 25 at the Goodman Museum. Events begin at 11 a.m. on the back lawn.

Run 4 the Son 5k

Join the runners of East Texas on March 26, 9 a.m.-10 a.m. at the Whitehouse Sports Complex. The run benefits

Philadelphia Blessing.

Mary Poppins Sing-A-Long

On March 26, 10 a.m., be a part of the nostalgia at Liberty Hall as they have a sing-a-long showing of Mary Poppins. Admission is \$7.

Live Music Concert

Vintage Edom hosts a live music concert every Saturday from noon to 3 p.m. Listen to the music while enjoying barista-served coffee drinks or shopping for unique products.

Independent Film Screening: "Experimenter"

On Saturday, March 26 at 7 p.m., the Old Firehouse in Edom, TX is showing the indie film, "Experimenter." Directed by Michael Almereyda, the film highlights a few major events in the history of psychology. Tickets are \$8.

Penny Nichols-Sanders Annual Spring Art Show

From March 31 to April 2, the First Presbyterian Church on Rusk Street will be hosting the annual art show. The work of 20 artists will be on display. Show time will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., admission is free.

Pickle Ball

Pickleball is a mashup of badminton, tennis and Ping-Pong. This event is every Tuesday and Thursday in March, starting at 9 a.m. For more information call 903-595-7271.

Opening of the Chance Dunlap Exhibition

TJC's newest full-time art faculty member Chance Dunlap will be debuting his paintings and sculptures in the Wise Auditorium Art Gallery, starting on April 1. The gallery is open daily April 1 - April 30 from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Admission is free.

90 for 90th TJC District Bike Tour

From April 1 to April 2, Dr. Mike Metke will be hosting a 90-mile bike ride for TJC's 90th anniversary. This bike ride will cover the length of TJC's enrollment district. This event will begin at Alba-Golden High School and finish on the TJC main campus. On the second day, the ride will begin on the TJC main campus and end in Rusk. Participants are welcome to complete all or part of the tour. Cost varies between \$20-\$40 for this event. For more information visit <http://tjc.edu/90for90>

Vision Board Party

On Saturday, April 2, Oakland Heights Baptist Church in Longview will be hosting a vision board party with speaker Nathalia Jones Watson. Watson will be sharing advice on how to reach your goals in 2016, and help create an inspirational vision board. This event is \$10 if purchased in advance and \$15 at the door.

Tyler Run for Autism

The 5th annual Tyler run for Autism will be held on April 2 at Pollard United Methodist Church in Tyler. This event will feature at 10k, 5k and 1k run. Family fun such as bounce houses, a petting zoo, food, a clown and more will be offered. Registration and details are available at <https://tylerrunforautism.itsyourrace.com/register/>

AAC Bingo

On Tuesday, April 5, AAC will host bingo night starting at 7 p.m. Admission is free (with a valid TJC ID) and will be held in the second floor of the Rogers Student Center. For more information, call student like at 903-510-2797

Toddler Time

Wednesday March 30 and Wednesday April 6 at 10:30 a.m. the Tyler library will have Toddler Time. This is a time for stories and songs for children under the age of 3 and their families. Admission is free.

Silent Art Auction

April 4-7 Tyler Junior College hosts its 13th annual silent art auction. This auction helps fund scholarships, supplies and field trips. The auction closes at 2 p.m. on the 7th.

Ca\$h Cab

At certain times during the day a TJC police golf cart will be offering up to \$10 cash to students who can correctly answer three financial literacy questions. The cab will be touring campus April 6 from 10 a.m. to noon, April 7 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., April 11 from 10 a.m. to noon and April 27 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

IDEA Gardening Series

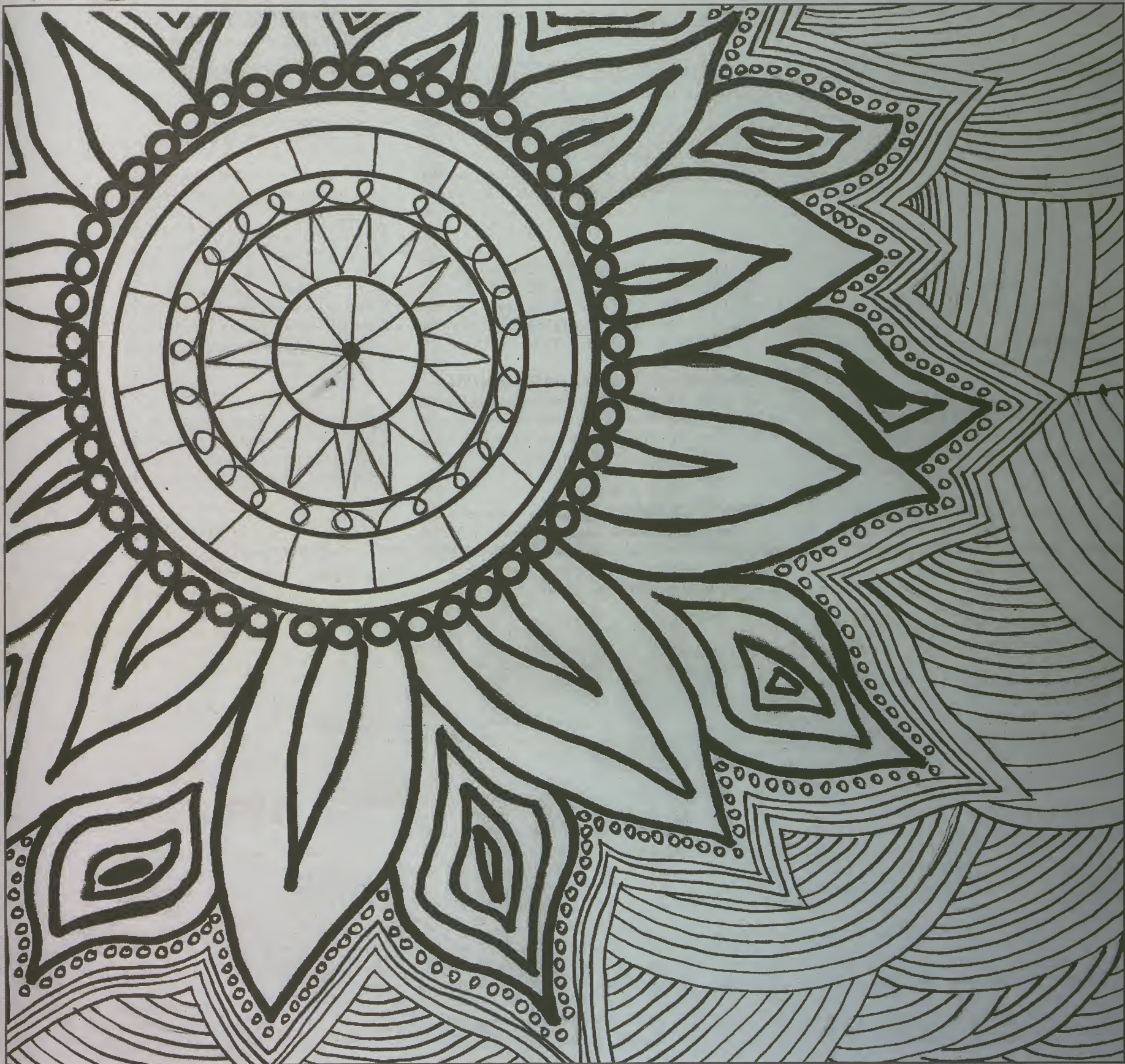
Tuesday, April 5 at noon, the Smith County Master Gardener Association will be holding a lecture informing the public about what gardening is suitable for that particular month. This free event will be about 30 minutes long, followed by the opportunity to ask questions. Held at the Rose Garden Center, for questions contact 903-670-3302.

East Texas Wheelchair Games

This event will be held Saturday, April 9 starting at 10 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. The wheelchair games are open to anyone ages 12 and up. This friendly competition has different categories for manual and electric wheelchairs. For more information call the Glass Recreation Center at 903-595-7271 or John Mitchell at 903-566-0937.

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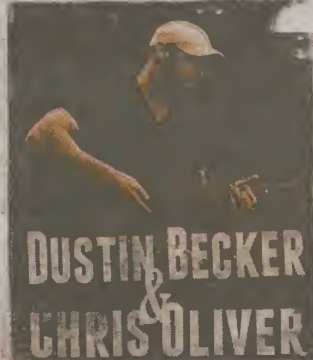
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